

TRUST TALK

STAFF NEWSLETTER

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Introducing our Primary Director of English

Mrs Kate Kendal is the Trust's first Primary Director of English and she is looking forward to sharing ideas and developing close collaboration across our family of schools.

Kate, who is a Vice Principal and Year 6 teacher at Peckover Primary School, has been in the profession for ten years. She applied for the role as, having struggled with English and story writing as a child, she can empathise with students who may need extra encouragement or additional strategies to help them succeed.

She said: 'At school I never found English easy; that is why I believe so much in drama to help stimulate ideas before children launch into creative writing. I can put myself in the children's shoes as I know how difficult I used to find it. Reading and writing were a chore so it was a long time before I actually enjoyed books myself.'

'As I have taught I developed a love for English but how can you expect a child to write about something if they have never experienced it for themselves? How can they understand the emotions, the sights and the sounds? I am a real believer in providing the children with these experiences in real life.'

She starts her new role, for two days a week, from September and is looking forward to meeting colleagues and visiting different schools: 'The first thing is to actually go and see what is happening out there. At Peckover we already



have quite an impact on children's writing so we may be able to offer encouragement and support but I haven't had the opportunity to see what the other primaries are currently doing.

'That is the exciting part, to go and see what English looks like across the Trust and cherry pick the good things that are going on so that we can share them as examples of good practice. I have already met Year 6 colleagues as part of our writing moderation and always come away with ideas that complement our existing work, so this role will be an extension of that process.'

'It is about raising the profile of English in our primary schools and ultimately raising the outcomes for children across the Trust. We have some amazing teachers throughout the Trust so it is about identifying and recognizing them and the skills they can show off and share. There are exciting times ahead! ■

Chris's marathon effort for charity

Well done to Compass Primary Academy's Vice Principal, Mr Chris Woolhouse, who raised over £500 by competing in his first marathon.

He was one of 10,000 taking part in the Milton Keynes race, which he completed in four and a half hours.

He said: 'I chose to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support as they do fantastic work to support patients and their families.'

'The marathon was incredible, the atmosphere and support was fantastic. It never ceases to amaze me how many people stand beside the roads and cheer the runners on. I ran at a steady pace throughout but my legs got very 'heavy' around mile 22 but I finished with a sprint as I entered Stadium MK at the finish!

'I want to thank everyone at Compass Primary Academy for their support; my colleagues have been very generous with their sponsorship and the children and families have also donated.'

Chris is now planning to run the Rutland Marathon in September and hopes that one day he will participate in the London event ■



Year 4 students from Compass Primary Academy enjoyed an action packed three day residential at PGL in Shewsbury.

They took part in a variety of activities including raft building, archery, zip wire and much more. On the first evening they had a campfire and sang songs while the second night's entertainment was a disco ■

News at a glance



Gretton and Oakley Vale (pictured) football teams played a friendly match drawing 7-7.



It was a 'Knight to remember' at Peckover Primary as Sir Percival came in to talk about St George and brought in lots of artefacts.



Beanfield's Reception and Nursery enjoyed a visit from a mobile farm as part of their new topic on Living Things.



Students at Gretton took part in a hockey workshop where they learned new skills in a variety of fun activities.

Northants Primary moderation day



Teachers and teaching assistants collaborated on a training day that enabled them to meet their peers and share ideas. As well as the focus on moderating, it was also an opportunity to network and share best practice within their year group specialisms.

The training was hosted at Beanfield Primary School and it was the first time that all staff from Kettering and Corby Trust primaries have met in one place. ■



Students on the school council at Oakley Vale Primary School held a mufti day raising more than £320 for local marathon runner James Fotheringham.

He ran the London Marathon in 5 hours 3 minutes to raise funds for Lakelands Hospice and came in to show the children his medal and collect the money. Everyone wore their favourite clothes and gave a £1 donation to the charity.

Trust Job Opportunities

Here are the current opportunities across the Trust and more vacancies are added throughout the month. For the most up to date information and further details on these jobs please visit the BWT website:
www.brookewestontrust.org

Support/Central Team:

Admin Assistant - BWT
Cleaner- KSA
Head Chef - CBA
Midday supervisor - Beanfield
School media officer – Wisbech

Teaching:

Pre-School Manager - Compass
Teacher of DT - BW
Teacher of English - CTS
Teacher of English - KSA
Teacher of IT/Computer Science - CBA
Teacher of MFL - BW

Brooke Weston Teaching School courses

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